

July 28, 2006

Ms. Laurie Jenkins, Chair  
Registered Counselor Task Force  
Department of Health  
State of Washington  
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

As part of the social work subcommittee I am submitting the attached minority report to the Registered Counselor Task Force. It is an earlier draft of a document authored primarily by Laura Groshong, LICSW. This current situation with the Registered Counselors is complex, multi-faceted, and very important on both the public and professional levels. It seems increasingly clear that it cannot be resolved unless additional (tiered) categories of licensure are created which offer an “appropriate home” for: 1) students in accredited MSW programs and 2) those graduates who have completed their Master’s degree in Social Work, but have not pursued single category licensure as it is currently construed.

I look forward to further discussions on this important topic.

Sincerely,

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